GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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CHANGE OF COURSE OF GANGA FROM RAJMAHAL TO MALDA
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the change of course of Ganga from Rajmahal to Malda might affect Malda district in West Bengal in future; and

(b) if so, the preventive measures being considered by the Government to avoid such situation?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) Central Water and Power Research Station (CWPRS) used the satellite imageries of Ganga in Malda district upstream of Farakka Barrage Project for studying the change in flow pattern of the river between Rajmahal and Farakka Barrage Project and have observed that channel on right bank essentially centralizing the flows downstream of Rajmahal is steadily developing stage and is likely to fully develop in coming years and carry the major share of the discharge thereby reducing the attach on left bank near Panchnandpur region in Malda district. They have suggested two or more seasons observations on channel development and hydrographic survey of the mouth of the channel and one or two locations along the channel after the flood season to arrive at any conclusion regarding the necessity or efficacy of the dredging.

(b) Does not arise at present.